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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2269
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SARDAR SAROVAR PROJECT
Gadhavi Shri Pushpdan Shambhudan;Kanodia Shri Mahesh Kumar;Kathiria Dr. Vallabhbhai;Solanki Shri Bhupendrasinh Prabhatsinh

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has instructed the participating States of Sardar Sarovar Project to co-operate in the matter of paying their share due to Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the participating States in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) When Government of Gujarat brought to the notice of Ministry of Water Resources that the participating State Governments were not releasing their shares in this regard, Ministry of Water Resources had written to the participating State Governments for payment of their respective share to Gujarat. This matter has also been discussed several times in the meetings of the Sardar Sarovar Construction Advisory Committee and was last discussed on 25.10.2007 wherein States were requested to expedite the payment of their share costs to the Government of Gujarat and take up any issues relating to disputes with the Government of Gujarat.

(c) The participating States have since released a part of their share with some disputed and undisputed amounts still pending for release.